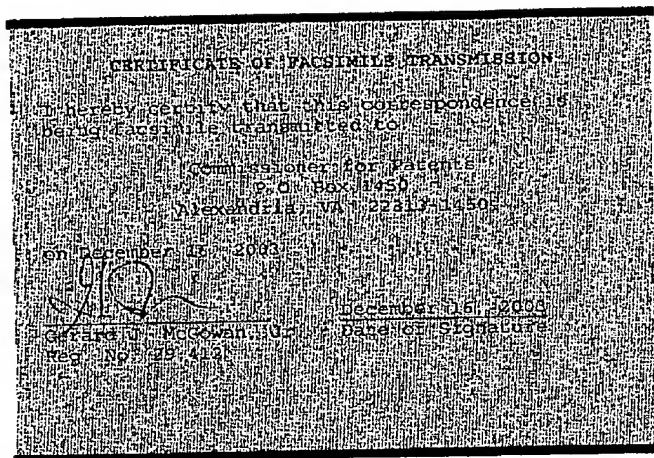


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CASE #F7590(V)
UNUS #01-0367-UNI**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Van Oorschot et al.
Serial No.: 10/072,570
Filed: February 8, 2002
For: Process for the Preparation of One or More Statins by Fermentation

Group: 1617
Examiner: Edward A. Webman
Edgewater, New Jersey 07020

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time to file a response to a Restriction Requirement for two months from October 16, 2003 to December 16, 2003.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1155 in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account. This request is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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